

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIALCOUNTRY Polish ~~Occupied Germany and Poland~~ REPORTTOPIC Troops and Military Installations in Osterode (Ostroda)EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 1 August 1955REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. In the spring of 1954, it was frequently observed that the Weisse Kaserne which was located on the west side of the Buchwalde (Q 54/E 36) road in the southern sector of Osterode (Q 54/E 25) quartered Polish troops. About 15 trucks which towed light two-wheeled guns barrels of which had muzzle brakes were observed on these occasions. All trucks were occupied by soldiers who wore army uniforms.

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the above mentioned weapons were AT guns. About 500 infantrymen were also observed marching out of the installation. In addition, up to five horse-drawn vehicles each of which towed a machine gun on small wheels were observed at the site. At an undetermined date, a band was observed rehearsing in the area of the installation. Occasionally, the troops left the installation with the band playing ahead of them. A high percentage of the infantrymen was equipped with submachine guns. Rifles with clasp bayonets were also observed.

tanks were also located in the Weisse Kaserne. Prior to early May 1954, the soldiers quartered in the installation included troops with green cap bands.¹

2. The Rote Kaserne on the northeast side of the Hohenstein (Q 54/E 53) road on the southeastern perimeter of the city quartered an estimated 400 to 500 men. On occasional visits, no heavy weapons were observed at the installation. The troops who wore red cap bands were equipped with trucks and horse-drawn vehicles. No band was located in the installation.²
3. During the summer, an undetermined number of soldiers was occasionally observed at a billeting area on a hill in the northern sector of the city near the cemetery, while no troops were observed there in winter. Two four-story brick buildings were destroyed.³
4. A review was observed at the station for the last time on 1 May 1953. It involved about 1,500 soldiers marching on foot and a band. No tanks appeared on this occasion. The troops marched past a general who, lookers-on said, came from Allenstein.⁴

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1. [redacted] Comment. The present information agrees with previous reports [redacted]. It appears that the 19th AT Bn of the 15th Rifle Div, component units of a rifle regiment inclusive of the regimental headquarters and, possibly, component units of the tank SP regiment, both of which also belong to the 15th Rifle Div, can be assumed in the Weisse Kaserne. The WOP (border guard) unit which is located in this installation is also confirmed.
2. [redacted] Comment. The Rote Kaserne also quarters component units of the rifle regiment.
3. [redacted] Comment. The recruiting district headquarters (W.K.R.) is assumed in this installation. [redacted]
4. [redacted] Comment. The general whom the troops marched past in review has possibly been the commander of the 15th Rifle Div whose headquarters is located in Allenstein.

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